

News Release

39th Annual Ag Arama on Saturday, January 25, 2014, Welcomes Everyone "Down on the Farm" at UM Crookston; Dedication of Ag Arama 2014 to Susan Jacobson

By Itollefts on Thursday, December 19, 2013A campus legacy continues with hosting of the 39th annual Ag Arama at the University of



Minnesota Crookston. The weekend of events, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, January 24-25, 2014, is hosted by the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department and includes activities for the entire family. The theme for this year's event is "Down on the Farm."

Dedication of Ag Arama

Ag Arama 2014 is dedicated to long time faculty member and alumna Susan Jacobson '87 and '96 (In photo below at right). She first graduated with her associate degree in floriculture/greenhouse management and later earned her bachelor of science degree in plant industries management both from the University of Minnesota Crookston. She has worked at the U of M Crookston for the past twenty years and has enjoyed teaching the very classes that stimulated her own interests as a student.



Jacobson is heavily involved in the community she lives in and is part of many professional affiliations including the Minnesota Nursery Landscaping Association. Jacobson was recognized with the Outstanding Alumni Award during homecoming last fall.

Ag Arama Activities

Most of the Ag Arama activities take place on Saturday, Jan. 25, in the University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC) located on the north edge of the campus.

Contests in agronomy, animal science, horticulture, agricultural business, and natural resources highlight Ag Arama weekend. They serve as an opportunity for students to showcase their knowledge and skills and have a chance to interact with alumni and faculty members. Ag Arama is planned and operated by a committee of students advised by Terrill Bradford and Brenda Miller, who both teach in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department.

On Friday evening, the Animal Science Association sponsors a chili feed from 5 to 8 p.m. in UTOC for \$5 per person.

On Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., the animal showmanship contests begin and the public is welcome to watch the competition as it unfolds in both novice and experienced categories. Students compete in western and English horse showmanship, lamb lead, and dairy, beef, sheep, and swine showing. The novices are paired with experienced students prior to the contests to prepare for the day. Alumni showmanship will take place at 2 p.m.

From 9 a.m. to noon, an agricultural industries show features some of the latest in agricultural equipment. At 1:30 p.m., the Round Robin Showmanship will begin. Coronation of the Ag Arama royalty takes place at 2:30 p.m. followed by the presentation of specialty awards and the sweepstakes presentation. Emcees for this year's Ag Arama are alumni Matt Green '13 and Matthew Krueger '12.

In the evening, a social will be held at the Crookston American Legion from 5:30 to 7 p.m., with appetizers served from 6 to 7 p.m. Capping off the weekend will be dancing to "Eagle Creek" from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Legion. Admission is \$10.

Ag Arama Royalty candidates

For Ag Arama King the candidates are Donovan Rupprecht, a junior from Fertile, Minn., majoring in animal science; Dustin Smith, a senior from Browerville, Minn., double majoring in agricultural business and agronomy; Timothy Staudahar, a senior from Hibbing, Minn., majoring in horticulture; Sam Haugen, a junior from Fertile, Minn., majoring in agronomy; and Kevin Bunde, a junior from Parkers Prairie, Minn., majoring in agricultural systems management.

Queen candidates include Rochelle Herzog, a junior from Randall, Minn., majoring in animal science; Sarah Morris, a senior from Ramsey, Minn., majoring in animal science; Emily Krull, a senior from Two Harbors, Minn., majoring in equine science; Chelsey Hettver, a senior from Brainerd, Minn., majoring in animal science; and Katie Nenn, a senior from Wyoming, Minn., majoring in animal science.

Candidates for Ag Arama Prince are Luke Lundebby, a sophomore from Osnabrock, N.D., majoring in agricultural systems management; Keith Yorek, a freshman from Little Falls, Minn., majoring in animal science; John DeBuhr, a sophomore from Chokio, Minn., majoring in aviation; Aaron Bengtson, a freshman from Battle Lake, Minn., majoring in agronomy; and Karson Dahl, a sophomore from Drayton, N.D., majoring in agronomy.

Princess candidates include Amberly Pesall, a sophomore from New Brighton, Minn., double majoring in agricultural business and equine science; Caitlin Wirth, a junior from Frazee, Minn., majoring in animal science; Kaylin Beatty, a sophomore from Andover, Minn., majoring in equine science; Rebekah Landmark, a freshman from Montevideo, Minn., double majoring in animal science and agronomy; and Marilyn Lewis,a freshman from Bemidji, Minn., majoring in animal science.

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